

Tanfield Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Monday 8th April 2013
TIME: 19.40 hrs
LOCATION: West Tanfield Memorial Hall
PRESENT: Councillors David Parkinson (Chairman), Peter Hull (Vice-Chairman), Steven Houston and Chris Pennock.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
District Councillor David Webster
Maria Nussey and Michael Denny (Yorkshire Water Customer Services)
Sarah and James Gawthorpe, Owners and Janine Breakall, Manager (West Tanfield Luxury Lodges)
Robert Trehitt (Chairman, West Tanfield Memorial Hall)
John Moxon and Richard Lonsdale

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Parkinson welcomed all those present, especially the representatives of Yorkshire Water and West Tanfield Luxury Lodges.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors Pennock and Houston declared interests in item 5 (West Tanfield Luxury Lodges) as they, or their spouses or companies, are both suppliers to this business.

3. DISCUSSION WITH YORKSHIRE WATER REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT SEWERAGE ISSUES NEAR NOSTERFIELD AND THORNBOROUGH

The Council and Yorkshire Water representatives discussed recent issues with the sewerage system that services Well, Nosterfield and Thornborough. These have included the tankering of waste from Nosterfield, burst pipe near Thornborough, damage during the clean-up operation and concerns about further local development.

Recent works to replace a pump have not resolved the issue as the pipe near Thornborough burst again last week. Capital funding for further works have been applied for, but is not guaranteed as there may be other issues which affect watercourses or flood properties that may take priority.

Customers who notice any further problems should report them to Yorkshire Water's helpline on 0800 57 35 53. Reference numbers can then be passed on to the Clerk to help Mr Denney and Ms Nussey to co-ordinate local problems. It was agreed that they would look in to how it can be made easier for local residents to report problems in rural areas where there is not necessarily a postcode or specific address. They will also arrange for Nosterfield Village Green to be repaired.

4. APOLOGIES – none.

5. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Jim and Sarah Gawthorpe and Janine Breakall introduced themselves as the owners and manager of West Tanfield Luxury Lodges which recently opened for business.

They reported that the site infrastructure is now complete, although there is further planting to be undertaken which has been discussed and agreed with Hambleton District Council. They also noted that the soil stored in an adjacent field will be moved in the near future.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The minutes of the last meetings held on 24th January and 11th March 2013 were agreed and signed.

7. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETINGS

7.1 Responsibility for maintenance of trees on Nosterfield Village Green.

It was noted that the Parish Council owns and maintains the play equipment on the Green and also undertakes to cut the grass, but that the area is registered as a Village Green owned by the Bourne-Arton estate.

The Parish Council had previously paid for a tree survey to be carried out on the large horse chestnut tree adjacent to the B6267, but forwarded the results to Christopher Bourne-Arton.

The Clerk is continuing her investigations in to this matter.

7.2 Weekly playground inspections.

Councillors Parkinson, Pennock and Houston agreed to undertake weekly inspections at the West Tanfield, Nosterfield and Thornborough sites respectively. The Clerk will provide a format for doing this.

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8. VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL

It was noted that Jim Beadle has recently resigned from the Parish Council as he has moved away from the parish. Hambleton District Council has been advised and the vacancy is being advertised to determine whether an election will be held. The vacancy is being advertised on the Parish Council's website.

9. TOUR DE FRANCE

It was noted that the Steering Group who have been working to develop suggestions for commemorating / celebrating the Tour de France's visit to Tanfield in 2014 are holding a public meeting on 17th April 2013 at 7pm in West Tanfield Memorial Hall. It is expected that they will report to a Parish Council meeting once they have a public mandate for their proposals.

10. GRASSCUTTING

It was resolved that the Council's Billy Goat mower should be sold on e-bay.

11. LOWER URE CONSERVATION TRUST

A report on the Lower Ure Conservation Trust Liaison Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2013 was received from Councillor Parkinson. The meeting had centred around the Warden's report about the wildlife numbers on the reserve, which had been affected by poor weather. Other points noted included:

- There have been 15,000 visitors to the reserve during the past twelve months.
- A dog waste bin has been installed at the Nosterfield pedestrian entrance.
- The Quarry has transferred ownership of the outstanding areas of the reserve to the Lower Ure Conservation Trust.

12. HIGHWAYS

12.1 Update highways fault sheet.

The Clerk's report on progress with previously identified faults was considered, including the following points:

<i>Ref.</i>	<i>Fault</i>	<i>Status</i>
TPC 1-11	Accident at bus shelter railings, West Tanfield.	Now repaired.
TPC 2-11	Replacement 30mph sign - Corby Bank, West Tanfield.	Not repaired despite 30 day timescale advised by Cllr Weighell. Followed up by Clerk – 3.4.13.
TPC 6-12	Replacment village sign, Nosterfield.	Parish Council to be advised when there is a delivery date.
TPC 7-12	Bend warning sign - Main Street, West Tanfield.	Sign now fallen down and in adjacent property's garden.
TPC 10-12	Streetlight 6 (West Tanfield) not working.	Still not working on 24.1.13. Clerk to check whether repaired yet.
TPC 2-13	Highways Flooding – West Tanfield.	Proposed works not sufficient to address problem. Clerk to progress.
TPC 3-13	Flooding on Fore Lane, Thornborough.	Highways North Yorkshire have liaised with adjacent landowner with a view to installing soakaway in nearby wood. To be asked to provide timescale.
	Fly-tipping, Green Lane.	Quickly removed by Hambleton District Council who are to be thanked for a speedy service.

12.2 New issues to be reported – none.

12.3 County Council's Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign scheme.

It was noted that Tanfield Parish Council has not been selected to take part in the County Council's scheme.

In view of the outcome of the Hambleton Community Safety Partnership's speed monitoring exercise it was agreed that speeding in the parish is not such an issue as to warrant investment or investigations in to a private scheme to provide a speed indicator device.

13. PARISH CARETAKER

13.1 Appointment of caretaker.

The decision to appoint Farm & Land Services Ltd of Knaresborough as the Council's caretaker was unanimously approved. A contract to 30th June 2013, with a view to it being extended until 31st March 2014, has been issued.

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13.2 Tasks to be undertaken by caretaker.

- Sweeping of Main Street, West Tanfield.
- Maintenance of playgrounds.

14. **WEBSITE / FACEBOOK / TWITTER**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's website and the Tanfield Parish Hub Facebook page are working well and attracting a significant number of hits and likes. .

The Clerk was also given permission to set up a Tanfield Parish Hub Twitter account to help promote community events in the parish.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported on items received, including notification of and a consultation about the proposed draft Police and Crime Plan by the new Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan.

16. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

16.1 Consultations on applications.

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to application 13/00654/FUL for a single storey lean to extension at Robin Hill, West Tanfield.

16.2 Decisions on applications received from Hambleton District Council since the last meeting.

<i>Application No.</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Decision</i>
13/00115/FUL	Single storey rear extension at Rushwood Hall, East Tanfield.	Passed

17. **FINANCIALS**

17.1 Financial report.

It was resolved that a report containing the following information be approved and recorded by the Council:

Bank Balances as at 3/4/13:

Santander Business Current a/c - ****4380	£2,675.96
Santander Business Reserve a/c - ****7222	£50.00
NatWest Current a/c - ****4884	£2.05
NatWest Business Reserve a/c - ****2668	£0.10
TOTAL	£2,728.11

Payments to be approved and recorded:

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Walled Garden Scheme	Invoice 1024 - Caretaker, October 2012	£144.00
Walled Garden Scheme	Invoice 1137 - Caretaker, February 2013	£144.00
Walled Garden Scheme	Invoice 1108 - Caretaker, January 2013	£144.00
Walled Garden Scheme	Invoice 1142 - Caretaker, March 2013	£228.00
Iona Taylor	Clerk (January 2013)	£157.89
Iona Taylor	Clerk (February 2013)	£55.01
Iona Taylor	Clerk (March 2013)	£224.46
HMRC	PAYE - January 2013	£33.60
HMRC	PAYE - February 2013	£10.40
HMRC	PAYE - March 2013	£43.60
West Tanfield Memorial Hall	Invoice AS/170 (Hall Hire on 11/3/13)	£7.00
TOTAL		£1,191.96

Receipts to be recorded : none.

17.2 Membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

It was resolved that the Council's membership of the Associations be renewed at a cost of £180.

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18. NEXT MEETING

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 13th May 2013. These will be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and a planning meeting if required.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should follow the format used in previous years.

19. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Councillor Hull reported that the recent Employment Training he was meant to have attended was cancelled. The Clerk is investigating options for a revised, local date.

20. CLERK'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Clerk's new contact details were noted as being Morningside, Grewelthorpe, RIPON, HG4 3BT Tel: 01765-658376.

21. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Bonfire and fireworks event. It was carried that parish opinion on whether to hold a 2013 event should be canvassed to help inform the Parish Council's decision.
- Clerk's Job Description and Contract of Employment.
- Tour de France preparations.

Meeting closed at 20.53 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED:(Chairman)

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